

Weekly Police Beat for the week ending July 23, 2021

Right-to-Life Demonstrators Expected Next Tuesday

On Tuesday, July 27, a right-to-life group, Defend Life, will be exercising their 1st Amendment rights by displaying large, graphic signs on the sidewalk along northbound Connecticut Avenue from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Chief Fitzgerald and Village officers will be on the scene keeping the peace and ensuring traffic and pedestrian safety.

The images on the signs can be upsetting to some, and young children may not understand them. Also, traffic tends to back up on northbound Connecticut Avenue during the hours of the demonstration. If you typically use northbound Connecticut Avenue in your travels, you may want to consider an alternative route next Tuesday between 4:00pm and 6:00pm.

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Pedestrian Robbed at Gunpoint on Western Avenue

Occurred in DC right near the MD line; DC police are investigating

At about 6:40 a.m. on Sunday, July 18, 2021, an adult Village resident was taking a walk eastbound on the Western Avenue sidewalk (on the 'Maryland' side). As she approached the intersection with Cedar Parkway, she noticed a man walking south on Cedar. The man turned right onto the Western Avenue sidewalk and walked straight toward the woman. The man stopped directly in front of the woman, lifted his sweatshirt to expose a handgun that was tucked inside his waistband, placed his hand on the gun, and demanded the woman's purse. The woman offered no resistance and handed over her purse. The suspect ordered the woman to run in the direction from which she came, so she turned and ran west on the Western Avenue sidewalk (toward Wisconsin Avenue). The victim was unharmed.

The victim called 9-1-1 right away. The call was routed to the DC communications center, and DC relayed the call to Montgomery County communications. Metropolitan (DC) Police officers responded along with Village Officer Timmerman and County Police officers. Since the crime occurred in DC, the Metropolitan Police Department will be investigating. DC and Maryland officers searched for the suspect without success.

The victim described the suspect as a medium-complexioned black male, about 50 years old, approximately six feet tall, with a slender build, a well-trimmed grey (salt-and-pepper) goatee, shaved bald head, wearing a black crew neck sweatshirt, black sweat pants, bright red sneakers and a black cloth COVID face covering which he pulled down when he spoke to the victim.

If you see a person that matches the above description, please call the Village Communications Center (301-654-7300) right away so that a Village officer may respond and investigate.

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What are the police doing, and what should residents do?

So what are the police doing?

- ## What should residents do?

- The Village Police are working to keep you safe.



Video of Western Avenue Armed Robber

He is driving a gray Ford Escape SUV

The DC Detective assigned to investigate the robbery on Western Avenue near Cedar Parkway sent the below YouTube link to Chief Fitzgerald this afternoon (July 20). The detective is confident that this suspect is responsible for two robberies: the one on Western Avenue at 6:40 a.m., and a second one at 7:35 a.m. in the 3000 block of Q Street Northwest near Georgetown. The DC police pieced this video together from several private cameras belonging to homeowners in the Georgetown neighborhood where the suspect committed a second robbery.

As you will see in the video, the suspect is driving a gray Ford Escape SUV with a roof rack. He parks the car, approaches the victim on foot, then he runs back to the Ford Escape to get away after the robbery.

The suspect is described as a medium complexioned black male, about 50 years old, shaved head, neatly trimmed gray (salt and pepper) goatee, black crew neck sweatshirt, black sweat pants, red sneakers, armed with a black handgun.

If you see a man or an SUV matching the above descriptions within the Village, please contact the Village police immediately at 301-654-7300. If you spot either of them in DC, call 9-1-1 to report your sighting.

See the video at the below link (copy and paste into your browser):

<https://youtu.be/Woqtd-9OaDs>